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SUBJECT: TARIFF COMMISSION REQUEST FOR UNIT COST DATA

1. IN CONNECTION WITH TARIFF COMMISSION INVESTIGATION OF  
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THE COMPETITIVENESS OF U. S. INDUSTRIES REQUESTED BY THE  
PRESIDENT, THE COMMISSION IS SEEKING DATA ON UNIT COSTS OF

PRODUCTION FOR SPECIFIED PRODUCTS OF SELECTED INDUSTRIES WHICH HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT IMPORT PENETRATION OF THE U. S. MARKET. THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER SECTION 332 OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930, AS AMENDED, AND IS A DIRECT EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO CURRENT, PRESSING TRADE PROBLEMS. INFORMATION ON THE LEVEL AND STRUCTURE OF FOREIGN PRODUCERS' COSTS COMPARED TO DOMESTIC PRODUCERS' COSTS WILL BE SPECIFICALLY USEFUL IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER, 1973.

2. PRODUCTS OF HOSLSO DENIES ALLEGATION ( WP).

4. ICCS AGREES INVESTIGATE SHOOTING OF INDONESIAN REP AT CAN THO, BUT NOT US CHARGE OF COMMUNIST SAMS AT KHE SANH. AS IN EARLIER SIMILAR COMPLAINT, POLES AND HUNGARIANS SAID TO VETO PROBE. GAUVIN WARNS LACK OF COOPERATION WITHIN ICCS MAKING IT INEFFECTIVE ( WP).

5. AGNEW TELLS NEWSMEN HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THIEU' S " POLITICAL REALISM" DURING RECENT SEA TRIP, SAYING THIEU TOLD HIM GVN WILLING REFORM ELECTION LAWS TO GIVE VC CRACK AT SOME ASSEMBLY SEATS. THIE' ALSO WANTS REDUCE RVNAF SIZE TO HELP STRENGTHEN ECONOMY. VP GIVES HIGHEST MARKS TO BUNKER AND EMBASSY TEAM ( CSM).

6. CHITRIB' S KIRK INTERVIEWS DRV JMC TEAM AT PHAN THIET AND REPORTS THEIR BRIEF STAY HAS BEEN BORING AND FRUSTRATING DUE GVN RESTRICTIONS.

7. NYT' S TREASTER FINDS THIEU BUOYANT AT CAN THO FARM SHOW. IN SPEECH THIEU DESCRIBES " LAND TO THE TILLER" PROGRAM AS " DEADLY BLOW" TO COMMUNISTS, AMONG OTHER REASONS BECAUSE IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED UITHOUT BLOODSHED THAT ACCOMPANIED NVN LAND REFORM. ALSO APPEALS FOR AID FROM US AND OTHER COUNTRIES AS " INVESTMENT FOR PEACE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD."

8. NYT' S BUTTERFIELD REPORTS DRV JMC SPOKESMAN SAYS HANOI DEL PLANS LEAVE BY WEEKEND.

9. CSM' S SOUTHERLAND VISITS VC- CONTROLLED VILLAGE; TOLD OF REPEATED GVN VIOLATIONS OF C- F BY ARVN EFFORTS TO ENTER VILLAGE AND ARTILLERY STRIKES.

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10. AP DISPATCH DESCRIBES SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF HANOI. PEOPLE KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT US. ONE VISITING JOURNALIST WAS ASKED, " ARE YOU JANE FONDA?" ON OTHER HAND, OFFICIAL GUIDING AMERICAN GROUP EXCUSED HIMSELF

TO GO LISTEN TO VOA ( NYT).

11. REUTER ( NYT) REPORTS COMMUNISTS ATTACK 5 MILES WEST OF PP. ALL BUT 1 OF 7 MAIN ROUTES INTO PP NOW CUT. CINCPAC ANNOUNCES AIR STRIKES CONTINUE OVER CAMBODIA. HENRY KAMM ( NYT) SAYS RELIABLE PP SOURCES BELIEVE GRENADING OF STRIKING TEACHERS WAS LON NON- INSPIRED, BUT BOMBING OF PALACE NOT. LON NOL USED BOTH INCIDENTS TO NEUTRALIZE INTERNAL OPPOSITION AND CONSOLIDATE POWER. EDUCATED ELITE " PLUNGED INTO TERROR" AND FEARFUL

OF ARREST. MAJOR ELEMENT IN SITUATION IS LON NON' S DETERMINATION TO ELIMINATE SIRIK MATAK FROM ACCESS TO POWER. SIRIK MATAK' S POTENTIAL STRENGTH DERIVES FROM OWN STATURE, IS ENHANCED BY FACT HE ENJOYS US CONFIDENCE ABOVE ALL CAMBODIANS. AMERICANS IN PP UNHAPPY OVER MOUNTING POLITICAL OPPRESSION, BUT PRESIDENT IN MESSAGE TO LON NOL AFFIRMED ASSURANCES OF CONTINUED SUPPORT - BACKED BY B-52 S AND \$200 MILLION ANNUAL AID.

12. REUTER DESCRIBES JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER AT NAKHON PHANOM TO RESOLVE STATUS OF U. S. MISSION PERSONNEL IN SEASIA. PERSONNEL FROM CENTER WILL LOCATE AND INVESTIGATE CRASH SITES OR GRAVES THROUGHOUT SEA, AS ARRANGED THROUGH FPJMC, AND CENTER WILL PROVIDE EXPERTISE FOR THESE INVESTIGATIONS, UTILIZING AIR AND GROUND SEARCH TEAMS AND CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY WITH POOL OF SPECIALISTS TO INSPECT LOCATED CRASH AND GRAVE SITES AND RECOVER REMAINS.

13. GLOBE ( MAR. 26) SAYS INDOCHINA WAR HAS ENDED ONLY RHETORICALLY. NOTES DOD DISCLOSURE THAT 70,000 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED ON LAOS AND CAMBODIA LAST MONTH, AND PRESIDENT' S REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT IN MESSAGE TO LON NOL. US KNOWS WHAT " OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT" OF SAIGON GOVERNMENT COST. NOT LON NOL BUT AMERICAN PEOPLE NEED ASSURANCES THAT NIXON HAS NO INTENTION PLUNGE INTO UNCLASSIFIED

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ANOTHER QUAGMIRE.

14. HARSCH ( CSM) SEES NVN REPLACEMENT OF TROOPS AND WEAPONS IN SVN AS MILITARY FORCE IN BEING FOR BARGAINING PURPOSES WHICH WILL BE USED UNLESS NIXON GIVES HANOI CONVINCING REASON FOR NOT DOING SO. THAT IS PRECISELY WHERE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC AID TO HANOI COMES IN. IF CONGRESS REFUSES FUNDS, HANOI WILL FEEL FREE SEEK MILITARY VICTORY SO LONG DEFERRED.

15. JACK ANDERSON ( WP) CLAIMS SCHLESINGER' S SHAKEUP

HAS BEEN INTERPRETED WITHIN CIA AS AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE INTELLIGENCE ANALYSES CONFORM WITH PRESIDENT' S THINKING. SAYS CONSERVATIVES AROUND PRESIDENT PERSUADED HIM THAT CIA HAD LIBERAL TAINT AND THAT O. N. E., IN PARTICULAR, TOOK DOVISH VIEW OF VN WAR.

16. GLOBE' S SNOW ( MAR. 26), IN BANGKOK, REPORTS ON SENATE- SPONSORED MISSION INVESTIGATING NEED FOR HUMANITARIAN AID IN INDOCHINA. MISSION FINDS THAT CONTRARY TO OFFICIAL US ASSESSMENTS OF DECEMBER BOMBING, DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN INSTALLATIONS WAS " MASSIVE" BUT CIVILIAN CASUALTIES GREATLY LIMITED BY NVN' S SOPHISTICATED

BOMB SHELTERS AND EVACUATION TECHNIQUES. WITH REFERENCE TO NIXON' S VEILED THREAT OF RETALIATION AGAINST NVN INFILTRATION, MISSION SAW NO INDICATION THAT NVN EXPECTS US BOMBING. MISSION CONCLUDED THAT SVN REFUGEE PROBLEM HAS IMPROVED VERY LITTLE BECAUSE OF INEFFECTIVE TRUCE; REFUGEE SITUATION IN NVN, CAMBODIA AND LAOS IS MORE HOPEFUL. WITH RESPECT TO ARGUMENTATION OVER DIRECT BILATERAL VS. MULTILATERAL AID, SNOW SAYS MISSION REPORT MAY PROMOTE COMPROMISE SOLUTION WHEREBY US AID TO SVN, CAMBODIA AND LAOS WOULD BE CHanneLED MULTILATERALLY AND INITIAL AID TO NVN WOULD BE DIRECT - WASHINGTON TO HANOI. ROGERS

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